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INTELLIGENT LIFE

THE SEASON'S SMARTEST ACTION FLICK IS AN ALIEN AFFAIR | **LOOKOUT**



Typhoon Survivors Hauled to Safety

RIVER CROSSING: Rescuers prepare to carry children to safety on Thursday as they evacuate a village in Taiwan that was flooded by Typhoon Morakot. Survivors were hauled one by one across a 100-foot-long cable high above jagged rocks and a raging river. The perilous rescue was part of a military effort to save hundreds of villagers after the worst flooding to hit Taiwan in 50 years.

Afghans See Signs Of Fraud

Fears grow that corruption
will mar presidential election

KABUL | Voting observers expect fraud during next week's Afghan presidential election and warn that cheating will most likely take place at polling stations in remote or dangerous areas where independent monitors won't be able to be present.

A suspiciously high number of women — far more than men — have been registered to vote in culturally conservative provinces where President Hamid Karzai expects to do well in the Aug. 20 vote, a leading election monitor said this week. An adviser to the top U.S. commander said the black market for voter registration cards is flourishing.

Serious questions over the fairness of the election raise the possibility that losing candidates and their supporters will not accept the results. That could lead to political turmoil in a country where the government is struggling to exert control.

Monitors said they would tolerate a limited amount of fraud. "If the level of corruption or violation is under 10 percent, it will be acceptable for me," said Jandad Spinghar, the executive director of the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan. (AP)



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HYPOCRISY
**It's OK to Wear It Dead,
But Cruel to Wear It Alive**

The 3-foot-long alligator on a Boutte, La., bicyclist's shoulders was a real attention-getter. Sheriff's deputies stopped the cyclist, who allegedly ran, leaving both wheels and his toothy rider. A spokesman for the sheriff's office said deputies booked Terron D. Ingram last Friday on charges of resisting arrest, possessing drug paraphernalia and cruelty to animals by abandonment. The gator was released into the marsh near Bayou Gauche. The spokesman said he didn't know where Ingram got the gator or what he had planned to do with it. (AP)

ASKING FOR IT
**He Also Wore
An 'Arrest Me' Sign**

A man is in custody after authorities say he gave a teller his account number and showed her his picture ID before robbing an Anchorage, Alaska, bank. Jarell Paul Arnold walked into a USA Federal Credit Union branch Friday and inquired about the balance on his account. The teller asked for his name, account number and ID. He complied, then handed over a note that said he had a gun and demanded money. (AP)

SINFUL
**Money Had Some
Impure Thoughts**

Lakewood, Wash., police said a woman known as Senora Monica offered to spiritually "cleanse" money for at least seven families, then vanished with \$140,000. The victims told police they met Senora Monica at a swap meet or heard her advertisements on the radio. (AP)



DENIM
A Dip Into the Jean Pool

Erek Hanson, 9, of Curtice, Ohio, looks out from inside a display of 33,088 pairs of jeans that were collected by National Geographic Kids Magazine in Washington on Wednesday to be recycled into housing insulation. The magazine earned a Guinness world record for the most items of clothing collected for recycling. Hanson collected 1,684 pairs of jeans, one of the largest donations. (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON
Palin Won't Back Down
From 'Death Panel' Claim

Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin refused to retreat from her debunked claim that a proposed health care overhaul would create



Palin

"death panels," as the growing furor over end-of-life consultations forced a key group of senators to abandon the idea in their bill. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, one of six lawmakers negotiating on a Senate bill, said Thursday they had dropped end-of-life provisions from consideration "entirely because of the way they could be misinterpreted and implemented incorrectly." (AP)

MIAMI
Woman Sets Herself
On Fire at Shopping Mall

A woman set herself on fire at a Miami mall Thursday, then walked around engulfed in flames as shoppers watched, authorities said. Two men and a woman who tried to help her were hurt, but not badly. The 43-year-old woman had third-degree burns over 75 percent of her body and was found conscious in a parking lot. Authorities do not know why she set herself on fire. (AP)

Gates: Afghan War Will Take Years

Secretary sees long fight ahead against the Taliban, al-Qaeda

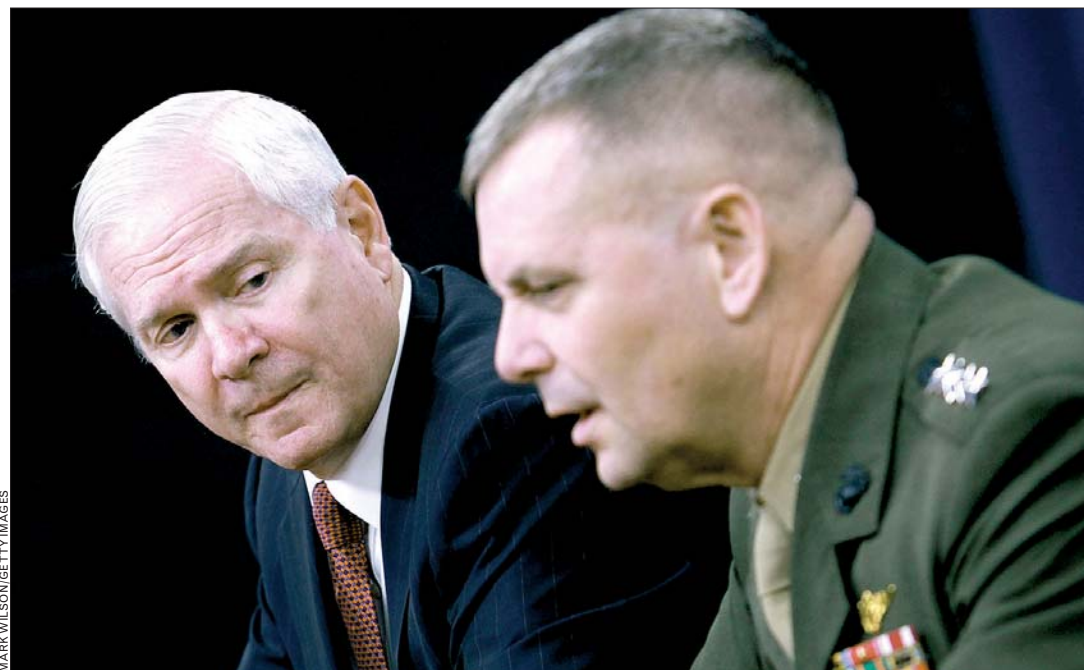
WASHINGTON | The Pentagon presented a grim portrait of the Afghanistan war Thursday, offering no assurances about how long Americans will be fighting there or how many U.S. combat troops it will take to win.

Defeating the Taliban and al-Qaeda will take "a few years," Defense Secretary Robert Gates said, with success on a larger scale in the country a much longer proposition. He acknowledged that the Taliban have a firm hold on parts of the country President Obama has called vital to U.S. security.

Congress wants answers to what lawmakers described as basic questions to soothe a war-weary American public.

"In the intelligence business, we always used to categorize information in two ways: secrets and mysteries," said Gates, a former CIA director.

He added: "Mysteries were those where there were too many



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, left, and Joint Chiefs Vice Chairman Gen. James Cartwright brief the press on Thursday.

variables to predict. And I think that how long U.S. forces will be in Afghanistan is in that area."

With 62,000 U.S. troops already in the country and another 6,000 headed there, Gates suggested there is little appetite in Washington to add many more.

He said that when his top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, submits a revised war plan in the coming weeks, it will not contain a request to expand the U.S. fighting force.

As the fight moves toward its ninth year this fall, Gates said

allied forces must show this year that they are turning the tide.

"It's just not possible to predict specific periods of time when you're in a conflict like this, where ... the enemy has a vote and where there are so many variables," Gates said. LARA JAKES (AP)



ARRESTS 'Sorry' Means 'See You Tomorrow' A 55-year-old man brought coffee to a police station in Salisbury, Mass., to apologize for creating a ruckus 12 years ago, and was violently arrested the next day by the same department. A judge on Wednesday ordered William Thomson held without bail. Thomson is charged with drunken driving, resisting arrest and other counts. Thomson brought three large coffees to the station the day before his arrest and said he wanted to apologize for his behavior during a similar incident in 1997. (AP)



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Doughnut Sign Leaves Bitter Taste

Fla. health dept. doc parodied Dunkin' ad, was forced to resign

PENSACOLA, FLA. | Dr. Jason Newsom railed against burgers, french fries, fried chicken and sweet tea in his campaign to promote better eating. He might still be leading the charge if he had only left the doughnuts alone.

A 38-year-old former Army doctor who served in Iraq, Newsom returned home to Panama City a few years ago to run the Bay County Health Department and launched a one-man war on obesity by posting sardonic warnings on an electronic sign outside.

"Sweet Tea Liquid Sugar."

"Hamburger Spare Tire."

"French Fries Thunder Thighs."



The digital billboard outside the Bay County Health Department in Panama City, Fla., flashes a warning message about TV watching and childhood obesity on May 5.

Then he parodied "America Runs on Dunkin'," the doughnut chain's slogan, with "America Dies on Dunkin'."

Some power players in the Gulf Coast tourist town decided they had had their fill.

A county commissioner who

"I picked on doughnuts because those things are ubiquitous in this county."

—DR. JASON NEWSOM

owns a doughnut shop and two lawyers who own a new Dunkin' Donuts on Panama City Beach turned against him, along with some of his own employees, Newsom says. After the lawyers threatened to sue, his bosses at the Florida Health Department made him remove the anti-fried dough rants and eventually forced him to resign, he says.

"I picked on doughnuts because those things are ubiquitous in this county. Everywhere I went, there

were two dozen doughnuts on the back table. At church, there were always doughnuts on the back table at Sunday school. It is [a] social expectation thing," says Newsom, a lean 6-foot tall, 167-pounder in a county where 39 percent of all adults were overweight in 2007 and one in four was considered obese.

Newsom angered staff by barring doughnuts from department meetings and announcing he would throw the fat-laden sweets away if he saw them. He also banned candy bars in the vending machines.

In May, lawyers Bo Rivard and Michael Duncan, co-owners of a new Dunkin' Donuts, asked Newsom to take down the "America Dies on Dunkin'" message.

A short time after Newsom's meeting with Rivard and Duncan, Newsom says, his bosses at the state Health Department told him that his leadership wasn't wanted. He chose to resign on May 8 but has since reapplied for the job. MELISSA NELSON (AP)

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Spencer Jones, left, and Tyler Barrick were married last year in California.

Utah Paper Refuses Gay Marriage Notice

Newspaper says it covers only unions that are legal in state

SALT LAKE CITY | A southern Utah newspaper has rejected a gay California couple's wedding announcement, saying its policy is to publish announcements only for marriages legal under Utah law.

The Spectrum in St. George initially accepted a paid wedding announcement for Tyler Barrick and Spencer Jones last week but then changed course, Jones said. The San Francisco couple were legally married June 17, 2008. They wanted the announcement printed in Jones' hometown paper ahead of a family party next week.

The Spectrum is owned by Gannett Co. A message left at Gannett's offices in McLean, Va., was not immediately returned.

As more states move to legalize gay marriage, newspapers across the country are faced with similar decisions. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which conducts telephone surveys every two years, says more than 1,000 papers have policies allowing same-sex wedding announcements. JENNIFER DOBNER (AP)



Clinton Garnerers African Support

Crowds, leaders open to secretary of state's message of reform

JOHANNESBURG | In Liberia, Hillary Rodham Clinton brought out the crowds despite torrential rain. In Congo, she came away deeply shaken from a meeting with rape victims. Kenya's prime minister said Africa didn't need lectures from the West about democracy, but Africa got one anyway.

At home, the U.S. secretary of state's visit may have been overshadowed by the aftermath of her husband's mission to North Korea to bring home two U.S. journalists. But on her seven-nation Africa tour, ending Friday in Cape Verde, she made one splash after another.



Women greet Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in Monrovia, Liberia, on Thursday. Liberia was the second-to-last stop on her seven-nation tour of Africa.

Coupled with President Obama's visit last month, the two trips to Africa were the earliest into an administration by any secretary of state or president, underlining Washington's pledges to pay more attention to the continent.

Clinton's ambitious itinerary

resembled those of China's foreign minister, who makes extensive annual tours of his country's allies on the continent. But where China tends to sidestep the issues of corruption democracy, Clinton confronted them head-on.

Kenyan Prime Minister Raila

Odinga, speaking hours before Clinton arrived, said Africa did not need to be lectured about democracy. But she did just that, saying, "The absence of strong and effective democratic institutions has

Clinton's testy response to a question about her husband was just a footnote in Africa.

permitted ongoing corruption... and a lack of respect for a rule of law" in Kenya.

Odinga switched to a more conciliatory tone, saying African countries could learn from Clinton. **DONNA BRYSON (AP)**



People shop in Munich, Germany, in May. Germany's recession has ended.

Two EU Economies Rebound

France, Germany experience growth, ending their recession

LONDON | Government programs to support the auto industry helped Germany and France return to economic growth in the second quarter, rebounds that stoked hopes the recession in the wider 16-country euro area may also end sooner than thought.

Europe's two biggest economies each saw growth of 0.3 percent from the previous three-month period, surprising analysts' expectations for equivalent declines and technically ending their recession.

The French and German increases were a stunning turnaround from the previous quarter, when Germany's shrank by 3.5 percent and France's by 1.3 percent.

The unexpected increases in Germany and France meant that the 16-nation euro area contracted at a reduced rate of 0.1 percent, less than the 0.5 percent anticipated.

France's Finance Minister Christine Lagarde credited the government-backed stimulus plan for the auto industry for the country's recovery. **PAN PYLAS (AP)**

In Brief

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Frees S. Korean Worker in Goodwill Act

North Korea freed a South Korean worker Thursday it had detained for months for allegedly denouncing its political system — an apparent goodwill gesture toward Seoul and Washington amid the standoff over the regime's nuclear weapons program. Pyongyang deported Yoo Seong-jin, 44, who had worked at a joint industrial park in the North. **(AP)**

JERUSALEM

Military Investigates Report of Captive Soldier

Police set up dozens of roadblocks across central Israel on Thursday as the military said it was investigating a report that one of its soldiers may have been kidnapped. The alert was sounded after a female soldier reported seeing another soldier being forced into a car outside an army base, the army said. However, it said no further evidence of an abduction was found. **(AP)**

VENEZUELA | HUNDREDS STAGE RIVAL PROTESTS



EDUCATIONAL DISPUTE: Anti-riot police shield themselves from a protester after police released tear gas to try to disperse a rally near the National Assembly in Caracas, Venezuela, on Thursday. Rival groups of hundreds of protesters were fighting for and against a bill that would broaden state control over Venezuela's public and private schools.



CRIME Flown the Coop Somebody's been feathering a nest with an irreplaceable English archive of rare tropical birds. Curators of the Natural History Museum in Tring, England, said Thursday that about 300 gloriously hued specimens have been stolen from a vast collection assembled over centuries. Detectives appealed to bird collectors to keep an eye out for anyone trying to sell unusual bird skins. Detective Fraser Wylie of the Hertfordshire Constabulary said the thieves could also use the plumage to make fishing lures, dresses or jewelry. **(AP)**

Double Bombing
Kills 21 in Iraq

BAGHDAD | A double suicide bombing devastated a cafe packed with young people in northwestern Iraq on Thursday, killing at least 21 people, officials said, in the latest attack against a minority community.

The blast capped a deadly week in which nearly 150 people have been killed in bombings concentrated near the volatile northern city of Mosul and Baghdad, heightening fears that Sunni insurgents are stepping up efforts to stoke ethnic and sectarian tensions.

Thursday's attack occurred shortly after 5 p.m. in Sinjar, a city dominated by members of the Kurdish-speaking Yazidi religious group.

The bombers detonated their explosives Thursday inside a cafe as the popular sunset destination was packed with people drinking tea and playing dominoes. KIM GAMEL (AP)

Scotland Mulls Bomber's Release

Lockerbie attacker
may be freed because
of his terminal cancer

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND | Scottish officials said Thursday they were considering early release for the Lockerbie bomber — igniting debate between victims' relatives in the United States and Britain about whether he should be allowed to return home to Libya.

British media reports say Abdel Baset Ali al-Megrahi will soon be freed on compassionate grounds because he is terminally ill with cancer. The possibility of an imminent release has reignited the fierce debate about whether justice has been done for victims of the attack that killed 270 people — most of them Americans.

The Scottish government dismissed the reports by Sky News



A photo taken in December 1988 shows a policeman near the damaged cockpit of a Pan Am plane that exploded and crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

and BBC television that al-Megrahi would be released next week as speculation, and said Scotland's justice minister had yet to review all case information before deciding whether to release al-Megrahi. U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Washington had not been made aware of a

final decision.

"We have made our views clear to the U.K. government, to other authorities, that we believe that he should spend the rest of his time in jail," he said.

Neither the BBC nor Sky News cited sources for their reports. A decision had been expected by the

CRIMINAL'S FATE UNCLEAR

→ ABDEL BASSET ALI AL-MEGRAHI,

an ex-Libyan secret service agent, is the sole person convicted for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. In 2001, he was sentenced to life in prison.

→ An appeal by al-Megrahi is under way after the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission in 2007 raised concerns about evidence used to secure a conviction. (AP)



end of August.

The man in charge of deciding al-Megrahi's fate insisted he was still considering his options.

"Clearly, he is terminally ill, and there are other factors," Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill told the BBC. "But I have made no decision as yet." BEN MCCONVILLE (AP)

Italian Lottery Disappoints Millions

ROME | Italy's record-breaking state lottery on Thursday once again disappointed millions of Italians and foreigners who had crossed the border to join the hunt for the rising jackpot.

No one guessed the winning six-number combination of the Superenalotto game and the highest prize ever offered by the Italian lottery grew to €135.9 million (\$194 million).

Germans, Austrians and other foreigners headed into Italy to play



A German who flew to Italy to buy a lottery ticket poses in Milan on Thursday.

the lottery before the draw, including some who flew into Milan for a few hours just for a chance to win €131.5 (\$186 million) Thursday. (AP)

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HEARSAY | ECONOMICS

"Some say that the economic crisis is the end of imperialism. ... Maybe it must be wondered if it does not mean something worse for our species."

—FIDEL CASTRO, FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT, IN A NEWSPAPER ESSAY PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY, HIS 83RD BIRTHDAY.

Pakistani Journalist Detained

Voice of America radio reporter seeking refuge held at Dulles

U.S. immigration officials have detained a Pakistani journalist employed by the U.S.-sponsored Voice of America radio service who was hoping to find refuge in the United States after Islamic militants in Pakistan destroyed his home and threatened his life.

Rahman Bunaree was taken into custody Sunday afternoon upon his arrival at Dulles International Airport, according to a spokeswoman for Voice of America.

It is not clear why Bunaree was detained or what the status of his case is.

Joan Mower, a spokeswoman for Voice of America, declined to comment on the particulars of Bunaree's detention other than to say, "VOA is, obviously, extremely concerned. We're really upset about what's happened to this guy."

Bunaree, in addition to filing reports for VOA's Pashto-language radio service, is also a popular reporter with the privately owned Pakistani broadcaster Khyber TV. He is usually based out of the southern port city Karachi, but he is originally from Pakistan's embattled North-West Frontier Province.

N.C. AIZENMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Life Sentence in Home Invasions

Md. man who bound victims, killed 1 has no chance for parole

A Hyattsville man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole Thursday for a series of home-invasion attacks in Montgomery County that culminated in the slaying of a Bethesda woman.

"These were not impulsive acts," Circuit Court Judge Michael D. Mason said, summing up how Jose Garcia-Perlera tied up and gagged widows living alone. "Basically, he left these women for dead."

Garcia-Perlera, 34, was convicted in May of the four attacks in 2007 and 2008 that took place from Chevy Chase to Potomac.

"He rained terror on this community for at least a year," Mont-

gomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy said in court. "He



Garcia-Perlera

preyed on these women, and he should never have the opportunity to prey on anyone again."

An illegal immigrant from El Salvador, Garcia-Perlera was subject to possible

deportation at the end of a completed prison term. But Mason's sentence means Garcia-Perlera probably will die in U.S. custody.

Family members of homicide victim Mary Frances Havenstein spoke in court, urging Mason to impose the long sentence that he did. "I ask you to do justice for Mary Frances," one of them said through tears. DAN MORSE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | ALL HAIL THE KING OF POP



DON'T STOP TILL YOU GET ENOUGH: Danneman Gibbs, center, dances through a line of Multi-Media Training Institute members during a dance-in at Dupont Circle. Teens and adults from the institute performed impromptu dance tributes to Michael Jackson music at various locations in D.C. Thursday.

BILLOREARY/TWP

Norton Presses Army Corps on Munitions

WASHINGTON | D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton plans to visit the Army Corps of Engineers munitions cleanup that recently uncovered the World War I chemical agent mustard in Washington's Spring Valley neighborhood.

Norton has been pressing the Army Corps to continue working near American University until Congress confirms the cleanup

is complete. The Corps has left the site twice since 1993 but had to return when more munitions were found.

Norton says the digging must continue. She plans to visit the site next week. Corps officials thought they were nearing the end of the current excavation when a flask containing traces of the chemical was discovered. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Aug. 13

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-2-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-2-0
Mid-day DC 4	6-5-0-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-9-7-1
Mid-day D.C. Five	5-0-5-5-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	6-3-2-9-1
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-3-9-17-28-36 (4)

Hot Lotto (Wed.) 7-16-20-30-33 (11)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	6-0-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-9-1
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-3-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-6-4-3
Match 5 (Wed.)	11-16-28-32-39 (23)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	6-18-30-31-35-38

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	0-3-8
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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 3-0-3

Mid-day Pick 4 4-1-4-1

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 3-3-2-5

Mid-day Cash 5 8-9-13-23-25

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 6-8-10-23-28

Win For Life (Wed.) 8-25-30-36-38-40 (42)

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Money

Economic Data Disappoint

Retail sales decline; new applications for jobless benefits surge

WASHINGTON | Retail sales disappointed in July and the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits rose unexpectedly last week. The latest government reports reinforced concerns about how quickly consumers will be able to contribute to a broad economic recovery.

“There is really no positive spin to put on these numbers,” Jennifer Lee, an economist with BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research note. “The U.S. consumer remains very weak. The jobs situation, while slowly improving, is still dismal.”

The Commerce Department said Thursday that retail sales fell 0.1 percent last month. Economists had expected a gain of 0.7 percent.



Recent La Salle University graduate Sean Christman of Westmont, N.J., attempts to distribute his resume to passing motorists in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

While autos, helped by the start of the “cash for clunkers” program, showed a 2.4 percent jump — the biggest in six months — there was widespread weakness elsewhere. Gasoline stations, department stores, electronics outlets and furniture stores all reported

declines. The Labor Department said initial jobless claims increased to a seasonally adjusted 558,000, from 554,000 the previous week. Analysts expected new claims to drop to 545,000, Thomson Reuters said. CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER (AP)

\$34K THE AMOUNT OF MONEY paid at an auction in London Thursday for a signed copy of Adolf Hitler's infamous manifesto “Mein Kampf.” The semi-autobiographical work outlining Hitler's anti-Semitic ideology was sold to an anonymous telephone bidder. (AP)

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Greg Signore, owner of Elm Auto Sales, works at his used-car business in Kearny, N.J. Signor says the "Clunkers" program is driving up the price of some used cars.

Small Car Dealers Miss the Clunkers

Rebate program is cutting the inventory at family-owned lots

RICHMOND, VA. | One man's clunker is another man's meal ticket.

Mom-and-pop used-car dealers are feeling the crunch as the old Caravans and Cherokees that

provide their livelihood are traded in and banished to junkyards under "Cash for Clunkers." By some estimates, three of every five of the used cars turned in for government rebates would have ended up on used car lots or resold for parts.

While the "Clunkers" program helped push sales of new cars in July to the highest level in nearly a year, sales of used cars have taken a beating.

"We're struggling, and a lot of us small guys are going out of business," said James Dameron, sales and finance manager at Chase

“The guy looking for a cheap used car is having a helluva hard time now.”

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Customers with much older clunkers are taking the government incentives because a car that may fetch only \$1,000 to \$1,500 as a trade-in vehicle will qualify for more under the program.

As the supply of used cars dwindles, it means higher prices.

"The guy looking for a cheap used car is having a helluva hard time now," said Greg Signore, 50, co-owner of Elm Auto Sales in Kearny, N.J. "This program is absolutely increasing the cost of the clunkers left on the market."

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tv lineup



Pedro Martinez's new team, the Phillies, take on the Braves this weekend.

friday

7 P.M. The Nationals have cooled off a bit since their eight-game winning streak but look to regain some steam against the Cincinnati Reds. MASN
7 P.M. The O's begin a four-game series at Camden Yards against the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. MASN2
8 P.M. Some of the best 12-year-old baseball players make their television debuts as the Little League World Series continues all weekend. ESPN

saturday

4 P.M. The NL East-leading Philadelphia Phillies take on the second-place Atlanta Braves. FOX
4 P.M. D.C. United looks to increase its one-point lead over Toronto FC when the two teams square off. CSN

sunday

11 A.M. After failing to make the cut at his last major, Tiger Woods looks to rebound in the final round of the PGA Championship, which switches channels at 2 p.m. TNT/CBS
2 P.M. That the Texas Rangers are this year's surprise team makes their game against the Boston Red Sox even more important in the race for the wild card. TBS
2 P.M. The NASCAR Sprint Cup continues in Michigan with the Carfax 400. ESPN

“To be honest with you, I don't think any of us would have thought I could have won this many events this year.”



2
Finishes outside the top 10 this year

5
Wins this season

70
Total wins in his career

WINNING SEASON

Woods seeks to cap off a stellar return from his injury with a PGA Championship title

GOLF | Tiger Woods used to say it was only a great year if he won a major. He has one shot left at the PGA Championship, yet he already has rendered his verdict.

“It's been a great year either way,” Woods said Tuesday. He already has five victories on the PGA Tour, pushing his career total to 70 last week at Firestone.

His timing could use some improvement, for Woods arrived at Hazeltine having already completed the “Pre-Slam” — winning all four of his tournaments before a major.

His reference point is the PGA Championship a year ago, when he was home in Florida just learning to walk again after surgery on his left knee to rebuild the ligaments. Woods knew that he would play again. He just wasn't sure what to expect.

Five victories? A scoring average that is a full stroke better than anyone else's? “For me to come back and play, and play as well as I've done and actually win golf events ... to be honest with you, I don't think any of us would have thought I could have won this many events this

PGA LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	SCORE
Tiger Woods	-5
Padraig Harrington	-4
Robert Allenby	-3
Hunter Mahan	-3
Mathew Goggin	-3
Alvaro Quiros	-3
Vijay Singh	-3 (16)
Lee Westwood	-2

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year,” he said. It's not as though he is abandoning thoughts about winning at Hazeltine and joining Jack Nicklaus and Walter Hagen with five victories in the PGA Championship. For the first time, Woods is ending a three-week stretch of competition at a major. What makes him a heavy favorite, besides his obvious skill, is winning the last two times he has played. “I feel as if I made some pretty good strides since the British Open,” Woods said. “I think it was evident the way I was hitting the golf ball last week. I really hit it good last week, and, hopefully, I can improve on that.” DOUG FERGUSON (AP)



OLYMPICS Golf for the Gold International Olympic leaders have selected golf and rugby for proposed inclusion in the 2016 Summer Games, rejecting bids from baseball, softball and three other sports. The International Olympic Committee executive board narrowed the field to two sports Thursday from a list of seven, which also included squash, karate and roller sports. The board approved the inclusion of women's boxing in the 2012 Olympics. Boxing had been the only summer Olympic sport without women. (AP)

Freedom Ready to Strike

Wambach hits her stride as team enters playoffs on hot streak

WOMEN'S SOCCER | Delayed by a broken leg that cost her a spot on the 2008 Olympic team, Abby Wambach's 100th international goal actually wound up coming at the perfect time.

Late last month, the 29-year-old forward reached the milestone in her hometown of Rochester, N.Y., as the U.S. defeated Canada, 1-0. At that time, Wambach had scored just three times for the Washington Freedom, which was lagging in the Women's Professional Soccer playoff race.

"It was a large monkey on my back for over a year," she said. "Once I scored that goal, it felt like I could just be myself and play like I used to."

She has been on a tear since, evoking memories of the feats that propelled the Freedom to the last WUSA championship in 2003. Wambach tallied five goals in the final four WPS games, including two in a crucial 3-1 defeat of the New Jersey Sky Blue last weekend, securing third place and a quarter-



Abby Wambach scored her 100th international goal last month. Since then, she and the Washington Freedom have been on a tear. They start the playoffs Saturday.

final rematch on Saturday in Germantown, Md. Washington (8-7-5) has won four of its last five.

Six years ago, the Freedom ousted first-place Boston on penalty kicks before upsetting Atlanta in the WUSA final with Wambach's overtime goal. The WPS playoff

format is not as forgiving, but Washington coach Jim Gabarra said the team is "prepared to go through that gauntlet."

The club will miss midfielder Sonia Bompastor, its most consistent player and only first-team all star, who has joined the French

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SEMIFINAL

When: Aug. 19

Who: Quarterfinal winner at St. Louis (10-6-4)

FINAL

When: Aug. 22

Who: Semifinal winner at Los Angeles (12-3-5)

national side for the upcoming European championship. But Gabarra has an established playoff pedigree and a world-class striker with an uncanny sense of timing.

"The biggest thing I think that can help in the playoffs is how you structure the team and get them to peak, get them to be playing their best for the playoffs," he said. "Our team is on an upward trend, and we're continuing to get better game in, game out. That's what you need." **BRIAN STRAUS**

In Brief



Donte' Stallworth will be reinstated to the NFL after the Super Bowl.

NFL

Browns' Stallworth Is Suspended for the Season

Cleveland Browns receiver Donte' Stallworth was suspended without pay for this season Thursday after pleading guilty to killing a pedestrian while driving drunk. He cannot participate in any team activities until his reinstatement after the Super Bowl. Stallworth struck 59-year-old Mario Reyes on March 14 in Miami. He pleaded guilty June 16 to DUI manslaughter, a second-degree felony, drawing him a 30-day jail sentence. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisville President Says Pitino Is Still 'Our Guy'

University of Louisville President James Ramsey says he believes the school and the community will become stronger after Rick Pitino's public apology for having an affair. Ramsey said Thursday that Pitino is "our guy" and that it's time to move on after Pitino expressed remorse on Wednesday. The apology came after police documents became public showing Pitino admitted to having sex six years ago with a woman who is now charged with trying to extort money from the coach. (AP)

Redskins-Ravens

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Mason Hopes His Third Try Is the Charm

Last year's preseason top rusher looks for spot on the Redskins

REDSKINS | On the last day the Washington Redskins cut players before the regular season last year, Marcus Mason wondered what more he could have done to have made the team.

"It was a tough day," said Mason, who is back this year for his third training camp with the Redskins. "I thought I was going to make it, but I got a call telling me they had to let me go because of the numbers

game. So, I was kind of hurt because I felt we did well in preseason, but that's how it is sometimes."

For Mason to say he did "well" in five preseason games last year is an understatement. The 25-year-old running back from Potomac, Md., led the league with 317 rushing yards. Granted, teams play their backups during preseason games to prevent injuries to their starters, and Mason was often facing second- and third-string defenses.

But for Mason, "the preseason is just another game," he said. "Hopefully, this year I can do it during the season."



Georgetown Prep grad Marcus Mason looks more versatile in camp this time.

Last year, despite being the best running back in the preseason, Mason didn't control his destiny. The Redskins cut him because of a logjam at his position. After splitting time between the Baltimore Ravens' practice squad and the New York Jets' active roster, Mason thinks he has figured out how he can play his first regular season down in the NFL: play more positions.

"The more you can do the better," said Mason, who has been practicing at fullback and on special teams during Redskins camp. "As a young guy, where you're going to make it is on special teams." **JOE BUBAR**

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NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Silent Treatment Could Pay Off

IT IS SUPPOSED to be the highest-stakes negotiations in the brief history of the Washington Nationals.

Yet here we sit days before Monday's deadline and there is nary a peep about Stephen Strasburg's status.

When the former San Diego State ace was drafted, agent Scott Boras more or less proclaimed the prospect God's gift to baseball and said he expected unworldly compensation. The number floated was \$50 million back in June.

Since then, Boras and the Nats

Presumably, they are both waiting for the drop-dead date to reach a deal.

have been tight-lipped. Presumably, they are both waiting for the drop-dead date to reach a deal.

The alternative is a bust for both sides.

Strasburg doesn't want to pass on whatever record amount Washington is offering. What if his high-priced arm gets hurt while he waits to re-enter the draft next year? The Nationals, too, have a lot on the line. Mostly, their reputation, as in the organization needs to prove it can deliver on adding talent to its relatively barren system.

By running on silent mode, interim GM Mike Rizzo at least has not alienated Boras and Strasburg. There should be no ill will when the real talks pick up.

Silence, in this case, may be golden. And if it's not, there is going to be a whole lot of shouting from the Nationals in the days that follow.

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Clock Ticking on Nationals

As deadline to sign top pick nears, both sides mum on talks

NATIONALS | Mike Rizzo warned reporters at a draft day news conference that the organization would not be negotiating with No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg through the media.

The Washington Nationals' interim general manager has been true to his word.

Both Washington's front office and representatives for dominant right-hander Strasburg, led by infamous agent Scott Boras, have been silent throughout the process. Leaks from either side have been rare and minimally informative.

But soon it will be time for the Nationals to make a bold statement about the future of their organization. Negotiations are likely to continue into the hours and minutes before the midnight Monday deadline, and when it hits, the Nationals will either have signed the right-handed power pitcher to a contract figure usually reserved for game-proven stars or they will have balked at his asking price and for the second year in a



Negotiations between the Nationals and agent Scott Boras surrounding the No. 1 overall pick, Stephen Strasburg, above, likely won't end until Monday's deadline.

row let their top pick walk away unsigned.

In late July, a source told The Washington Post that Strasburg's camp was put off by the organization's decision not to name a permanent general manager.

"They're setting a record about not selecting a GM," the source said. "Why would you ever want to go to an unknown? They're the only team in baseball that offers an unknown."

The Nationals now appear like-

THE CASE FOR

Strasburg was the most dominant pitcher in college each of the last two seasons and pitched for the U.S. Olympic team in 2008. His 13-1 record and 1.32 ERA as a junior this year cemented his status. He is, most observers agree, the most talented amateur pitcher in years, maybe a generation. If signed, the Nationals may have an ace starter.



THE CASE AGAINST

Pitchers, even those who seemingly can't miss, often do. History has shown few pitchers selected No. 1 overall grow up to be all-stars, let alone Hall of Famers. Another Boras client, righty Ben McDonald, signed a record contract with Baltimore in 1989 and then went on to have a thoroughly average career.



ly to announce a permanent general manager shortly after Monday's signing deadline, and that decision likely will impact whether the prospect signs — and whether the Nationals are willing to meet his price. DEREK TURNER

For Starters, Theodore Is No. 1 Goaltender

Capitals make the job veteran's to lose going into training camp

CAPITALS | A few minutes after Bruce Boudreau named him the Caps' No. 1 goalie entering training camp Thursday, Jose Theodore didn't sound shocked when his coach's comments were relayed to him, despite being replaced in net by rookie Semyon Varlamov one game into last year's playoffs.

"Like I said last year at the end of the playoffs, now there's no doubt that Vary and [Michal]

Neuvirth are the goalies of the future. They are great goalies," Theodore said at Kettler Ice Center, where he faced shots from Jeff Halpern, Stephen Werner and others. "But for myself, if you look at the season, out of 82 games I still played [57] and had a pretty good record and was pretty consistent toward the end."

"I don't see myself as a backup," he added. "My frame of mind was to enter the summer, my off-ice training and the season as the No. 1 guy. [Whether] or not that was the case, that was going to be my approach. We all know in



Jose Theodore hopes improved health will mean better play to start the year.

hockey, No. 1 is only a title. It's still on the ice that you have to earn your points."

For the first time in three years, Theodore is back on the ice in early August, free of injury and distractions. That, he hopes, will help him get off to a better start than last season.

"I'm never going to make excuses," he said of his early season struggles. "I should have been ready right off the bat. But it took me a few months to get going. This year I do feel comfortable, knowing the guys and the system." TARIK EL-BASHIR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Christina Hendricks

'MAD MEN' STAR, CHAMPAGNE DRINKER

Can you rule the workplace with sharp zingers and a sharper figure? Playing Joan Holloway — the voluptuous, sometimes-vengeful office manager on AMC's "Mad Men" — Christina Hendricks suggests you can. She'll be back as the pre-women's lib power broker Aug. 16 at 10 p.m. as the drama about martini-downing, secretary-bedding 1960s ad execs begins season three.

Joan went through some pretty tough things last season, including rape. What's up this season? People said season two was darker than season one, but they may find that the new episodes have more humor than they're expecting.

Does Joan wield power with her butt-hugging frocks and snug sweaters?

I think Joan would be powerful regardless of her outfits. She's a woman who is not ashamed to use everything that she's got.

Does the roll come on with the girdles and pointy bras? Wardrobe, hair and makeup help any actor, because all of a sudden you're in disguise, in another person's clothes. It also helps to walk onto the set and be surrounded by things that look like the '60s.

Is the 1960s underwear as uncomfortable as it looks? In season one, it was a bigger deal getting in and out of the stuff. Now it's second nature. But at the end of a day in a girdle, you think, "My back hurts. My waist hurts."

Do any shows or movies from the 1960s inspire you? I never wanted to be a 1960s actress

playing someone in the '60s, since there're such different acting styles through the decades. But I have watched things like "Days of Wine and Roses" to be inspired.

What's it like to use old technology like typewriters on set?

"In fashion, I'm quite eclectic. ... One day, I might be in a dress; the next, rock 'n' roll jeans."

It's funny, there's always someone to show you what to do, but we did get this big, old copy machine on one episode last season, and it was ridiculously foreign. It's funny to be using something like that, and to look over and see Elisabeth Moss [who plays her co-worker Peggy] sending text messages!

And you wear vintage clothes in your real life, too?

I've worn vintage since I was 12 years old, so I've always loved it. But now I've learned to appreciate the 1960s on me. Before, I used to be attracted to things from the 1920s and 1940s for the romance, feminine lace and bows.

What else do you like to put on off-screen?

In fashion, I'm quite eclectic because I like the idea of becoming who I want to be each day. One day, I might be dressed in a feminine, proper dress; the next, I might wear a T-shirt and rock 'n' roll jeans.

Do you ever mix up "Mad Men"-style cocktails after work?

I was just saying to my fiancé that it'd be nice to make a signature cocktail when people come over. But I'm lazy — I just open champagne. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



EVENT HORIZON D.C. Beer Week Surely, your ability to throw a kegger — er, gourmet beer-tasting soiree — will reach a new high if you attend some of these brew-soaked events Aug. 16-21. Hoppy happenings include an oyster and ale fest Aug. 18 at the Reef and a Brew at the Zoo party Aug. 20. (At the latter, it is not OK to offer Tai Shan an IPA.) For info and costs, see Dcbeerweek.com.

Shade Upgrade

CHEAP SHADES have their place frolicking in the surf at Dewey or stashed in a glove compartment for afternoon commutes. But for style mavens looking to class up their sunglasses statement, Chevy Chase's new Ilori (5330 Western Ave.; 301-656-1703) uses an art gallery-esque setting (mica-lined niches, spaceship-sleek shelving) to sell his-and-hers pairs by Lanvin, 3.1. Phillip Lim, Badgley Mischka (shown, \$495) and Ray-Ban.



Murals, for A Moment

CHILDREN, MAGIC Markers and walls normally don't play well together. But IdeaPaint (from \$175 per kit; Idea paint.com) lets you coat any surface with a urethane- or water-based covering that can be scribbled on, doodled on or written on with dry-erase pens. Suddenly, scrawling recipes above the stove in the kitchen or leaving your roommate a note to buy toilet paper in the bathroom go from dreams to realities.



4 A Chile Reception

BITTERNESS ABOUT Ben & Jerry's retiring its Wavy Gravy ice cream (again!) can only get one so far during summer's dog days. Thankfully, Ciao Bella just scooped out Chocolate Jalapeno gelato (\$5, Whole Foods). The sweet-meets-heat stuff marries dark chocolate and bits of jalapeno for a combo that sounds odd but tastes like something Aztec gods dreamt up, all mellow spice and rich cocoa.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Knowing you appreciate the super-fantastic shoe classic, I wonder whether you have anything to say about the revival of the Converse Chuck Taylor-type sneaker. My 13-year-old daughter has a pair of tall Chucks she loves.

— PHYLLIS

■ Manolo says, the Manolo loves the Converse Chuck Taylor sneakers! Together with the white T-shirt and the Levi's 501 jeans, they are one of the iconic pieces of American clothing.



Chuck Taylor was perhaps the greatest shoe salesman who ever lived. In 1921, after the brief pro basketball career, Taylor went to work for Converse as the sales rep. In 1923, he helped redesign the Converse All-Star basketball shoe, making it flexible and adding the circular patch over the ankle for support. For the next 45 years, Taylor traveled the country promoting the shoes and sport he loved. By the time he retired in 1968, eight out of every 10 basketball shoes bought in the U.S. were Converse.

The Converse now come in the enormous variety of colors and configurations. Here is one of the Manolo's favorites, the Classic Chuck Taylor All-Star Roll Down Hi (\$50, Zappos.com).

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Pass the Tress Test

HIP HAIR SALON/spa Bang — which delivers shaggy crops and mod cuts at three D.C. locations — now offers services in your shower. The snip spot's new product line includes shampoo, conditioner, scrub and body wash (\$12-\$13.50 each; Bangsalon.com for locations) infused with ingredients (lavender, tea tree oil, lemongrass) meant to give tresses and skin an "I've-just-been-to-the-spa" boost. Sure enough, the minty shampoo and conditioner made our beach-fried locks silky.



Cool, Cool Summer

HOORAY? IT'S FINALLY HOT OUT? Unless you're a Weather Channel weirdo who'd rather be in Texas right now, "enjoying" 300-degree days and a Venus-hot sun, you've likely been reveling in this remarkably mild August. But in case blistering temps return, grab a bamboo fan (\$12, Go Mama Go!, 1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850) and start wielding it. The flamenco-chic babies were made in Thailand, where people really have an excuse to whine about the heat, you big baby.



ON THE COVER

Toni Henderson, owner of new consignment boutique Mint Condition (114 S. Royal St.; Alexandria; 703-836-6468), one of several discount fashion retailers that have opened this year. Photo by Lawrence Luk.

THE DEAL WORLD

A slew of new discount, consignment and vintage stores make fashion frugal

A few years ago, luxe boutiques were opening faster than you could say, “Be mine, Jimmy Choo.” But changing times — and less change in consumers’ pockets — means that now it’s resale retailers and outlet stores that are setting up shop around town. This summer alone, two upscale consignment stores debuted (Georgetown’s Julep and Old Town’s Mint Condition), and a new temple of vintage, Treasury, came to 14th Street. “People are more conscious of what they’re spending,” says Jennifer Donohue, owner of Old Town off-price shoe and dress store Treat, which just moved to larger digs. “In this economy, everyone is a discount shopper.” Still, when deal hunting, use the same judgement you would at Saks. “Don’t buy something just because it has a designer label,” says Arlington personal shopper Wendy Pilch, aka Spendalla (Spendalla.com). “If it’s not a classic or in style anymore, just say no.” We put on our platform sandals (scored at half-price, of course!) to explore the latest spots for the greatest deals. JENNIFER BARGER AND BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



Mint Condition
114 S. Royal St., Alexandria;
703-836-6468

→ The creaky, dark wooden floors of this Old Town consignment store have clearly been around for eons, but the women’s dresses, separates and shoes lining the racks in the skinny rowhouse seem fresh from a recent catwalk. “People think consignment stores are a cluttered, stinky experience, but they don’t have to be that way,” says owner Toni Henderson, who has secondhand chic in her genes: her mother operates a similar shop in Minneapolis. On two snug-yet-neat levels, Henderson organizes stock by size and color. Styles veer between night-out glam (Jimmy Choos in satin and rhinestones for



\$218) to colorful and slightly preppy (lots of J.Crew). **BEST BITS:** Frocks for day or night, including a peacock feather-trimmed cocktail dress by Carmen Marc Valvo (\$274) and a nice stock of skirts, such as a black eyelet number by Zashi (\$26). **SURPRISE HITS:** Barely worn shoes by Tibi and Manolo Blahnik; a \$25-and-under bin of T-shirts and scarves upstairs.



The Attic At Hysteria
125 S. Fairfax St.,
Alexandria; 703-548-1615



→ Alexandria stylistas hit sister stores Shoe Hive (115 S. Royal St; 703-548-7105) and Hysteria for head-to-toe fashions. Pumps, boots and flats by designers such as Bettye Muller and Butter come from Shoe Hive; blouses, party dresses and work wear by Tibi, Mint and DVF rule at the latter. Since June, Hysteria has been stuffing its second story with past-season deals from both shops. Think a Vince blue silk taffeta skirt (once \$245, now \$61), Mint cocktail frocks for about \$100 each and marked-down boots and ballet flats. The deals are great, but the access is limited: It’s open Wednesdays and Thursdays and, as a special for Express readers, this Friday, Aug. 14.

“WHEN DISCOUNT SHOPPING, OPEN YOUR MIND A LITTLE. SOMETIMES IF YOU REALLY LOVE SOMETHING, YOU CAN AFFORD TO ALTER IT DOWN A SIZE.”
ALICIA MCCASLIN, HYSTERIA

BEST BITS: Cashmere scarves (\$75) and opera-length gloves (shown, \$45); and pants by Diane von Furstenberg and Theory for \$100 or less. **KNOW THAT:** You’ll be trying on items among the racks (though behind sweeping dressing room-style curtains), but this just adds to the girly, sample-sale vibe.

fashion **lookout****Julep**

1525 Wisconsin Ave.;
202-298-5999

→ The trendy Georgetown boutique also known as We One You Two (at least until its new sign is finally approved and hung) dipped a toe into consignment earlier this summer, converting its second floor into a spot where regulars could resell past splurges.

The idea was a hit, so the store has moved to 100 percent



MARGEL/EXPRESS

consignment, featuring many of the same upscale brands — Lela Rose, Diane von Furstenberg, Bettye Muller — the boutique once hawked, but at a fraction of the original cost. “We had so many friends with stuff to clear out of their closets — often with tags still on,” says partner Thalia Attinger.

BEST BIT: A wide mix of high-end labels, such as Bottega Veneta woven pumps for \$125 and a Dolce & Gabbana frock for \$175.

SURPRISE HIT: A stash of gently and never-worn designer kids' clothes, selling mostly for \$5 to \$20.

**Treat**

103 S. Saint Asaph St.;
Alexandria;
703-535-3294

→ “Many shops’ sales are down, but we’ve been doing well this year,” says Jennifer Donohue, the sleekly stylish owner of this two-year-old “sample sale boutique,” which recently relocated to larger digs on Old Town’s St. Asaph Street.

The digs — minty walls, apothecary jars full of colored glass, a loungey dressing room area — suggest haute boutique, not outlet. But the stock here, ranging from past season to just weeks

out of your fave big-box store, wears price tags about 50 percent below those of retail. Expect names such as Julie Haus and Kooba.

BEST BIT: Pieces by designers who are not often seen in these parts: Sally Tseng’s ikat print top (\$99); Loeffler Randall’s skyscraper sandals (shown, \$275).



SURPRISE HIT: A jeans wall that puts Barneys Co-Op to shame, with pairs by Seven, True Religion and James (\$75-\$129).

**Second Time Around**

3289 M St. NW; 202-333-2355

→ A branch of this East Coast chainlet of consignment stores debuted in Georgetown late last summer and immediately pulled in a wide range of high-end and mid-priced labels — Milly, Tibi, Free People — priced at one-quarter to one-third the original price. Recent scores include a Kooba bag, sold for \$210 instead of the original \$600.

You’ll have to dig through stuffed racks for the best stock. But there’s a constant influx of new stuff, from both consigners and new



boutique sale pieces the company buys in bulk. A bargain corner includes vintage frocks and J Brand jeans for 70 percent off.

BEST BIT: The Michelle Obama’s closet-deep assortment means plenty of prices, sizes and styles on hand.

SURPRISE HIT: Costume jewelry (funky bangles, chandelier earrings) for \$8 to \$22; vintage bags (shown, \$26).

Treasury

1843 14th St. NW, second floor; 202-506-6908;
Shoptreasury.com



→ Cathy Chung and Katerina Herodotou earned a fash-pack following for Listopad, their traveling vintage clothing emporium. The duo — known for sussing out choice retro and secondhand dresses, guy’s shirts, shoes and bags circa the 1940s to 1980s — turned their busi-

ness into this brick-and-mortar boutique on 14th Street NW, just above St. Ex restaurant. Butterscotch wood floors and pale, boutique hotel-ish curtains set a serene, easy-to-navigate scene for reasonably priced vintage picks such as a retro Lufthansa messenger bag (\$42) and a new Cheap Monday bikini (\$42).

BEST BIT: The jewelry and accessories — pendant necklaces, bow ties (shown, \$30) — and ’60s and ’70s shoes in near-mint condition.

KNOW THAT: The spot’s open only Thursday evenings and Friday to Sunday during the day.



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COURTESY DJ KING BRITT

DJ King Britt, above, joins forces with Sam Burns at Muse Lounge tonight.

FRIDAY

The world knows King Britt. He began his career with Dignable Planets and still drops a hip-hop record from time to time, but it was his partnership with Josh Wink that launched him into the house and techno stratosphere. He's remixed music by everyone from platinum-selling Grammy winners to hidden underground artists. Tonight, King Britt and Sam Burns combine forces for one evening as Loda takes temporary residence at **MUSE LOUNGE**.

SATURDAY

Local label Future Times always delivers the goods at its parties, and tonight's free bash at **COMET PING PONG** promises to be another winner. Hieroglyphic Being (aka Jamal Moss) is a minor legend in the Chicago techno/house scene as both a promoter and performer. His space-age house music has a decidedly futuristic bent, so he's an especially fitting choice for this show.

SUNDAY

You'll be forgiven for not being able to keep track of all the latest and greatest on the burgeoning lo-fi indie-rock scene. But Woods, playing at **DC9**, is one band to pay attention to. It has an appealingly laid-back sound that's equally jangly and jammy. While the pinched, squeaky vocals may be a turnoff to some, they fit in with the subdued tunes, floating innocuously on top.

'District 9' a Perfect 10

The creepy alien tale is the most intelligent, well-crafted action film of the season

FILM | The mysterious and alarming signs have been out there for weeks, months even: On billboards, benches and bus stops featuring crude cartoon alien drawings, they've warned us of non-humans, and they've urged us to remain separate.

"What is all that about?" you've probably wondered. Well, they're ads for the enormously buzzed-about "District 9," and, thankfully, given their ubiquity, all the hype is justified.

This is one intense, intelligent, well-crafted action movie — one that dazzles the eye with seamless special effects but also makes you think without preaching.

Aliens that arrived here in their spaceship more than 20 years ago have now been quarantined in cramped and dangerous slums; the nerdy bureaucrat charged with moving them to new quarters (the tremendous Sharlto Copley) undergoes a physical and emotional transformation.

What's amazing is that this visceral yet philosophically sophisticated



A spaceship hovering over Johannesburg creates an ominous and steady source of tension.

film is the first feature from commercial and music-video director Neill Blomkamp, who co-wrote the script with Terri Tatchell. (Peter Jackson is the big name attached to this refreshingly star-free project — he's one of the producers.)

Blomkamp set "District 9" in Johannesburg, South Africa, and creates a sensation of relevance and immediacy by combining fake news footage, real TV clips and documentary-style, handheld camerawork. Meanwhile, the fantastic sight of a spaceship hovering over Johannesburg creates an ominous and steady source of tension.

But he also builds suspense early on with a flurry of talking-head interviews from experts and insiders, all foreshadowing that something horrible has happened in the slum known as District 9, and that

Copley's character, Wikus van der Merwe, was at the center of it.

There is much more to say, but doing so would ruin the many twists in store. We'll just say that Wikus adapts in a place where there are no easy answers. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



THE HARD-HITTING ROOKIE

"District 9" is Neill Blomkamp's directorial debut. How'd he get the gig? Credit Peter Jackson, who initially tagged him to do a movie version of "Halo." When that fell through, they expanded Blomkamp's short "Alive in Jo'burg." "When I did the short film, it never even occurred to me that it could be a feature," he said in a recent interview.

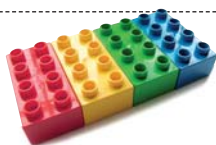
'DISTRICT 9'

→ **DIRECTOR:** Neill Blomkamp

→ **STARS:** Sharlto Copley

→ **IN A NUTSHELL:** Aliens are quarantined in South Africa under the supervision of Wikus van der Merwe (Copley).

→ **FOR FANS OF:** "Alien Nation"



DEALS Block Party Warner Bros. and producer Dan Lin have acquired theatrical rights for a movie about Legos. The live action-CG hybrid will be set in the world of Lego and will examine themes of creativity and teamwork. While the picture will have elements for children, the studio is hoping the film can also appeal to adults. The Lego development project continues what has been a veritable craze for toy-based movies, a trend that flowered again last weekend with "G.I. Joe." (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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A True Guitar Hero

Inventor Les Paul — who helped drive the rise of rock 'n' roll — is dead at age 94

OBITS | Les Paul, who invented the solid-body electric guitar, died Thursday in White Plains, N.Y., of complications from pneumonia. He was 94.

As an inventor, Paul also pioneered multitrack recording, which enables artists to record different instruments at different times, sing harmony with themselves, and then carefully balance the tracks in the finished product.

The use of the electric guitar exploded in the mid-'50s.

"Suddenly, it was recognized that power was a very important part of music," Paul once said. "To have the dynamics, to have the way of expressing yourself beyond the normal limits of an unamplified instrument, was incredible."

"Without Les Paul, we would not have rock 'n' roll as we know it," said Terry Stewart, president of the



Les Paul presents a left-handed "Les Paul Lite" guitar to Paul McCartney in 1988.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. "His inventions created the infrastructure for the music, and his playing style will ripple through generations."

In 1952, Gibson Guitars began production on the Les Paul guitar. Pete Townshend of the Who, Steve Howe of Yes, jazz great Al DiMe-

ola and Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page all made it their trademark six-string.

Guitarist Joe Satriani called Paul "the original guitar hero," saying: "Les Paul set a standard for musicianship and innovation that remains unsurpassed."

LUKE SHERIDAN (AP)

Past, Present, Future Tense

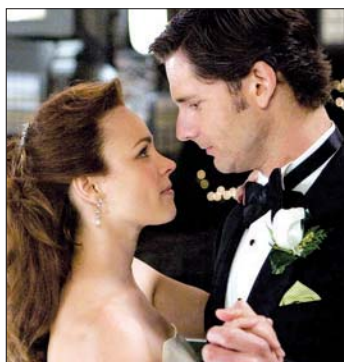
'The Time Traveler's Wife' goes beyond to the here and now

CHRONOLOGY | So, let's try to get this straight, here.

In "The Time Traveler's Wife," Eric Bana plays a guy named Henry who jumps around the past, present and future, but he can't control where or when he goes.

Still, he manages to hold down a job at a library and maintain an apartment. The only constant is that when he shows up at his destination, he's always naked.

Hunky as he is, he'd be a frustrating guy to fall in love with. But Rachel McAdams' character, Clare,



It's all well and good until he shows up naked and disoriented in 2012.

not only tolerates Henry's pesky inconsistency but believes he's her destiny, and that he has been since the first time she saw him — as a 6-year-old girl. The core of

"The Time Traveler's Wife" is their struggle to stay together.

Bana and McAdams try their best to win us over to this complicated conceit with enormously earnest performances. McAdams shows some of the same dramatic capabilities that helped make her a star in "The Notebook."

As for Bana, this is a rare and welcome opportunity to seem him play the romantic lead, for which his dark good looks and strong presence would seem to make him a natural. And ever-reliable character actor Stephen Tobolowsky grounds things somewhat as the geneticist who tries to help Henry and Clare forge some sort of normal life. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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SWORDPLAY: Snake Eyes exercises his mad ninja skills in a confrontation with some bad dude wearing white in “G.I. Joe.”

Now Playing

ADAM (PG-13, 97 minutes) Beth (Rose Byrne), just out of a disastrous relationship, has moved into a new apartment, and she's interested in the cute guy on the second floor (Hugh Dancy). Adam has Asperger's syndrome, which renders him unable to empathize or to understand what other people are feeling. At its best, the film makes the viewer understand the frustration of living in a world in which everyone is a stranger. (DK)
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG, 86 minutes) Children on vacation stumble across four diminutive aliens (animated) who have landed in the attic at the vanguard of a Zirconian invasion force. It's up to the kids — who can resist the alien mind-and-body control ray that turns select adults into zombie puppets — to save the Earth. ORLANDO SENTINEL
BRÜNO (R, 88 minutes) The latest mock-

documentary satiric ritual from comic provocateur Sacha Baron Cohen may count as the summer's biggest misfire. (AH)
THE COLLECTOR (R, 88 minutes) Marcus Dunstan and co-writer Patrick Melton have written and directed a soulless slice of torture porn about a masked monster who butchers households full of people with booby traps, sparing one victim's life for his “collection.” ORLANDO SENTINEL
THE COVE (PG-13, 92 minutes) If this film breaks out of the documentary circuit, it will be a major headache for the Japanese government, the dolphin fishing industry and the small Japanese town of Taiji, where every September dolphins are killed by the thousands. The slaughter is part of a traditional fishing culture, according to the Japanese. But if you succumb to the emotional appeal of this documentary, that culture emerges as not just a bloody and brutal business but almost as bad as genocide. PHILIP KENNICOTT
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13, 95 minutes) This romance understands that we mark our lives by our scrapes and defeats with love rather than by the white wedding-cake successes. It's a drama that,

at first blush, would seem excruciatingly ordinary: the 500-day affair between Tom, who believes wholeheartedly in love, and Summer, who isn't sure about love at all. What makes us connect is Tom's funny, morose and ironic commentary as he does his damndest to reach the heart of a woman whose idea of lover and friend is, well, confusing. (DT)
FOOD, INC. (PG, 94 minutes) This absorbing look behind the curtain of the cynical and often sickening workings of the modern industrial food system does a superb job of making its case that our current food ways are drastically out of whack. The film deftly demonstrates how issues such as illegal immigration, public health and intellectual property law intersect at the largely hidden nexus of Big Meat. (AH)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R, 145 minutes) As the film opens, comic superstar George Simmons (Adam Sandler) gets the news that he is suffering from a probably fatal form of leukemia. Meanwhile, Ira Wright (Seth Rogen) works the unpaid L.A. comedy club circuit by night. George catches Ira's act and asks him to be his writing assistant and, it turns out, one-man

entourage. Writer-director Judd Apatow's alert, crude and compassionate film takes digressive, thoroughly unexpected turns as George takes stock of his life. (AH)

G-FORCE (PG, 88 minutes) This aggressively stupid entry in the family-adventure genre from Jerry Bruckheimer is a dispiriting primer on the low regard Hollywood has for the intelligence of children. (DK)

G.I. JOE (PG-13, 118 minutes) Stephen Sommers' film is the loudest, flashiest, silliest and longest blockbuster in a summer full of long, silly, flashy, loud blockbusters. As far as plot goes, the crack commando team of G.I. Joes encounter an evil weapons dealer, a mad scientist, nanobots with a taste for 19th-century Parisian landmarks, a funny black guy, a couple of unconvincing romances and a girl who's been brainwashed into becoming a lethal killing machine. (DK)

THE HANGOVER (R, 99 minutes) Doug (Justin Bartha) and three guy friends (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis) decide to enjoy one last hurrah in Las Vegas two days before Doug ties the knot. But almost as soon as they embark on that good night, all becomes oblivion. (DT)

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG, 153 minutes) Love potions, common-room snogging, adolescent heartbreak. It's hard to blame the film's screenwriter, Steve Kloves, or director, David Yates, for focusing on the romance. After all, as young-adult adventures go, the sixth book in the "Harry Potter" series is awfully light on the adventure. (DK)

THE HURT LOCKER (R, 130 minutes) Kathryn Bigelow's captivating, completely immersive action thriller is set in Iraq in 2004, but it transcends time and place, and in the process attains something universal and enduring. Viewers are plunged into the disorienting world of the soldiers who disarm what Americans have come to know as IEDs, or roadside bombs, neither of which does full justice to the carnage they inflict. (AH)

IN THE LOOP (unrated, 106 minutes) To American audiences, this hard-edged British political satire, will feel like an evil version of "The West Wing," with hyper-speed dialogue and Type-A sociopaths big-footing their way to the top over friend and foe. The story follows the run-up to a critical vote in the United Nations that will likely lead to a U.S.-led war in the Middle East. PHILIP KENNICOTT

JULIE AND JULIA (PG, 118 minutes) Two movies battle for pride of place in

Nora Ephron's adaptation of memoirs by blogger Julie Powell and culinary legend Julia Child. Either way, Powell's whiny, sad-sack self-absorption is no match for Child's spirit, strength of character and joie de vivre, a fact made painfully clear in a movie that soars whenever Child (Meryl Streep) is on the screen and sags when Powell shows up. (AH)

MOON (R, 97 minutes) Sam Bell is sta-

tioned on the moon sometime in the future to oversee the mining of clean energy from moon rocks. He has been there for three years, beaming power back to Earth. Then he finds something on the surface of the moon that throws everything into doubt — including, tragically, the film's logic. "Moon," a moody sci-fi morsel, has the right look, the right sound and the right feel. But storywise, it fails to live up to the

promise of its premise. (DZ)

ORPHAN (R, 123 minutes) It's hard to know where to begin when assessing the depraved, worthless piece of filth that is this high-gloss horror show about a well-meaning couple who bring home a 9-year-old girl to join their family, only to discover, too late, that she's a homicidal psychopath. Surely, writers David Leslie Johnson and Alex Mace deserve their own circle of

hell for thinking up the story. Both Peter Sarsgaard and Vera Farmiga are apparently in desperate need of a paycheck — otherwise, how to explain lending their considerable talents to such rank exploitation? Shame on them all. (AH)

PAPER HEART (PG-13, 88 minutes) Something cold and calculating beats at the center of this ingratiating, most-

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Meryl Streep is a gloriously goofy Julia Child in Nora Ephron's "Julie and Julia."

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ficient number of Iraq war stories to curl one's hair. As the couples do their psychological dance, the spasms of fear multiply exponentially. **JOHN ANDERSON**

THE UGLY TRUTH (R, 101 minutes) At a Sacramento TV station, Abby (Katherine Heigl) can't seem to keep her Nielsen ratings or her dating life steady. But what's this? Egad! A fly in the ointment! The TV station picks up a relationship advice

spot hosted by the rakish, unshaven Mike (Gerard Butler). Abby hates Mike, Mike doesn't believe in love, Abby doesn't believe in lust, Abby wants to date some doctor, Mike helps Abby date doctor, unlikely friendship (and something more?) ensues, etc. **RUTH MCCANN**

YOO-HOO, MRS. GOLDBERG (unrated, 92 minutes) Gertrude Berg was a remarkable mid-20th-century figure:

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neighbors in a crowded Bronx tenement. For all her dogged research and interviewing, Kempner doesn't explore one important question: Why is Berg so little remembered today? **PAUL FARHI**

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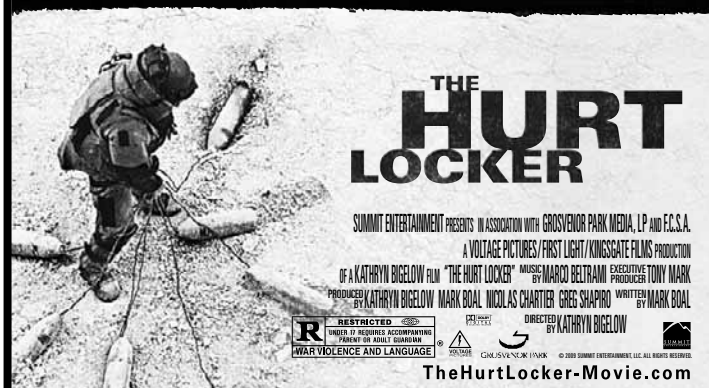
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G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (150 430) 725 955
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (135 425) 715 1005
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1045 PM)
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (145 PM 455 PM) 805 PM
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (155 440) 735 1020
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (205 435) 745 1010
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (110 345) 705 920
G-FORCE (PG) (105 PM 420 PM) 730 PM
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG)

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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (245 515) 745 1015
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (220 455) 730 1005
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 330 540) 750 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (150 430) 710 950
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 320 540) 800 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (130 445) 740 1020
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 350) 650 945
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (200 PM 515 PM) 830 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (115 PM) 940 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D (500 PM) 720 PM

BOWIE STADIUM 14
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THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1135 210 450) 730 1010
PONYO (G) (1155 220 505) 740 1015
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 235 510) 735 1005
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1120 125 345) 600 815 1030
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1105 1145 145 230 425 515) 710 800 1000 1035
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1100 1140 130 215 415 500) 705 745 945 1030
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 225 445) 720 940
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1110 150 430) 715 955
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1100 AM 110 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (315 PM) 625 PM 935 PM
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 140 435) 725 1020
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1125 155 420) 655 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1130 AM 310 PM) 630 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 950 PM

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GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1100 1230 145) 330 430 630 720 930 1010 1215 1245
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (130 215) 500 740 1020
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 240) 510 730 1000 1230
PONYO (G) (1150 220) 445 710 940
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1200 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1110 150) 310 450 620 755 910 1035 1200
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 300) 530 810 1040
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1245) 400 700 950 1235
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 350 705 1015
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D 1210 AM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1135 200) 425 650 920 1150
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1140 155 410) 640 900 1115
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1215 235) 515 745 1005 1225
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1225 PM) 345 PM 715 PM
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 1045 PM

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 305 530) 810 1035
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (110 210 355 455) 640 740 925 1025
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 750 1020
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1220 120 320 420) 620 720 915 1015
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 PM 445 PM) 800 PM
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (140 405) 630 855
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1245 PM 415 PM) 745 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (155 PM 430 PM)
PUBLIC ENEMIES (R) - ID REQ'D 655 PM 1005 PM
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000
STAR TREK (PG-13) (1230 345) 650 955

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DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 205 440) 745 1025
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 215 320 455) 615 730 850 1020
BANDSLAM (PG) (1115 150 340) 710 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (100 345) 630 905
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 235 500) 715 930
PONYO (G) (1205 230 505) 735 1000
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1135 220 405 515) 655 800 935 1040
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (135 415) 725 1005
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1115 200 450) 740 1030
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 350) 700 1010
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 255 520) 755 1015
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1125 140 355) 640 855
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1145 210 430) 650 915
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1150 AM 315 PM) 635 PM
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1250 PM)
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) (1245 PM)
HANGOVER (R) - ID REQ'D 955 PM

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
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PONYO (G) (110 355) 700 935
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1255 200 340 450) 640 740 930 1030
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 305 540) 800 1020
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1245 150 325 440) 615 730 855 1010
BANDSLAM (PG) (130 410) 710 1025
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (120 350) 620 850
OC: G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (125 PM)
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1210 230 300 335 430 520) 625 650 720 810 920 940 1015
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (220 510) 750 1025
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (100 400) 655 950
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1230 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 320) 635 955
G-FORCE (PG) (1220 PM 240 PM 500 PM)
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415) 645 910
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (140 410) 640 900
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1200 315) 630 945
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS (PG) (250 PM) 610 PM 840 PM
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1215 PM)
THE PROPOSAL (PG-13) 725 PM 1005 PM

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DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1250 330) 610 850
RW & DA: DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 220 500) 740 1020
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1140 1240 210 320 450) 600 720 830 950
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (1230 140 310 420 550) 730 840 1015
BANDSLAM (PG) (120 340 510) 700 720 920 1010
THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 245 530) 750 1010
PONYO (G) (1135 240 520) 800 1035
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (110 400) 715 1000
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (100 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (315 PM) 630 PM 945 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 340) 810 1030
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (1200 230 440) 650 910

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G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (110 150 230 320 400 440 520) 610 650 730 810 900 940 1020
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 710 950
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (120 140 350 410) 700 720 920 1010
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1250 PM 420 PM) 740 PM
ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (120 350) 700 920
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (640 PM 1000 PM)
UP (PG) (100 PM 330 PM)

Free Family Film Festival Tue & Wed 10AM

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bullock Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R) - ID REQ'D (245 530) 815 1040
PONYO (G) (130 400) 645 930
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 730 1015
BANDSLAM (PG) (145 445) 745 1030
DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 215 515) 800 1045
G.I. JOE (PG-13) ★ (100 345 430) 630 715 915 1000
PERFECT GETAWAY (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 710 940
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13) (1230 315) 600 845
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) (1210 PM)
FUNNY PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D (320 PM) 640 PM 950 PM
THE ORPHAN (R) - ID REQ'D 1020 PM
THE UGLY TRUTH (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 415) 720 945
G-FORCE 3D - EVENT PRICING (PG) ★ (115 330) 615 830
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13) (1150 340) 610 900
HARRY POTTER: HALF BLOOD PRINCE (PG) (1145 AM 300 PM) 700 PM
TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN (PG-13) (1245 PM)

television **lookout**

Yes, It's Finally Back!

'Mad Men' returns after many months of anticipatory drooling

ADVERTISING | In its first two seasons, "Mad Men" rang true, and familiar, from across a half-century divide. As this masterful AMC drama resumes (now in mid-1963), viewers will feel, like never before, the bond between our time and the past as "Mad Men" vividly evokes it.

There are shake-ups and lay-offs at New York's Sterling Cooper advertising agency, which, late last season, was taken over by a British ad firm.

The world keeps spinning on "Mad Men," as today, with an escalating sense that massive changes lurk at the horizon. And not only devastation, though doomsday was just barely averted at the end of last season with a peaceful resolution of the U.S.-Russia missile crisis of October 1962.

As before, "Mad Men" unfolds defiantly brooding, wryly witty, and at chosen moments heart-breaking. The saga goes its own



Salvatore and Don enjoy the company of a flight crew. Who will Don sleep with?

way and therefore seems to be missing any obvious plot lines (in fact, it's avoiding any obvious formula). There are numerous scenes, and yet the action moves at a deliberative, cushiony pace.

A past winner of Emmy, Peabody and Golden Globe awards, "Mad Men" continues to blaze new trails. But it's also a throwback that, from today's vantage point, seems extravagant, ineffi-

cient, even inconvenient for viewers who prefer pat TV fare.

Like its period trappings, "Mad Men" is a bullet brassiere. A shiny, V-8 American sedan. A two-martini business lunch.

"Mad Men" is TV, back when TV ruled. It's a glorious display of TV storytelling delivered in the Internet age with television on a downward slide, bleeding money and mojo. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

tonight's **lineup****HIPPIE HEAVEN**

WOODSTOCK: NOW & THEN (9 p.m., VH1, Fri.) is a clip-rich glance back at three days of fun and music that repeats Monday at 8 p.m. on the History Channel.

HIGH SCHOOL NON-MUSICAL

DEGRASSI GOES HOLLYWOOD (8 p.m., The N, Fri.) the first movie-length outing for the Canadian high school series, is a whimsical take on celebrity and its discontents.

STAR QUALITIES

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Behold, Fox's gender-bending rip-off of the "Real Housewives" franchise!

(9 p.m., Fox Reality Channel, Sat.) explores the world of stay-at-home hunks.

BEE COOL

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HELL IS OTHER PEOPLE

In the spoof series **REALITY HELL** (10:45 p.m., E!, Sun.), actors pose as contestants on a different type of reality show every week. In each episode, one poor dupe will participate without any knowledge that he or she is the object of ridicule. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

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THE GOODS (R)
(I) 11:50, 2:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:40
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
(I) 11:50, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:40
G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
(I) 11:40, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:15, 7:25, 7:50, 10:15, 10:45
A PERFECT GETAWAY (R)
(I) 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG) 11:30 AM
G-FORCE (PG) 11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30
THE ORPHAN (R) 7:35, 10:20

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2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55
THE COVE (PG-13)
4:40, 7:10, 9:30
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
IN THE LOOP (NR)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
500 DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
PONYO (NR)
1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
PAPER HEART (PG-13)
12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40
MOON (R)
2:00 PM

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G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05, 10:30
ALIENS IN THE ATTIC (PG)
12:00, 2:00, 3:55
THE COLLECTOR (R) 5:55, 8:00, 9:55
THE ORPHAN (R)
12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25
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PONYO (G)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

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ADAM (PG-13)
10:10, 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:40, 9:40
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
9:50, 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13)
9:45, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
(500) DAYS OF SUMMER (PG-13)
10:00, 12:05, 2:10, 4:20, 8:00, 10:00
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
10:05, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG)
9:55, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

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11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
ANANEYU (NR)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
DIGITAL PRESENTATION
12:45, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40
A PERFECT GETAWAY (R)
12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30
JULIE & JULIA (PG-13)
12:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
MAGADHEERA (NR)
11:40, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00
G-FORCE 3D (PG)
3D PRESENTATION
12:25, 2:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG)
11:50, 3:15, 6:40
FUNNY PEOPLE (R)
9:50

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2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
THE END OF THE LINE (NR)
1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:30
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R)
12:00 AM
THIRST (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
THE HURT LOCKER (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
FOOD, INC. (PG)
1:00 PM
SPREAD (R)
3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55
PAPER HEART (PG-13)
1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50, 11:55
ADAM (PG-13)
2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

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***THE GOODS: LIVE HARD, SELL HARD (R)**
12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
***BANDSLAM (PG)**
11:40, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
***THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE (PG-13)**
11:45, 2:05, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
G.I. JOE: RISE OF COBRA (PG-13)
11:25, 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:15
A PERFECT GETAWAY (R)
11:35, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
FUNNY PEOPLE (R)
1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:00
THE ORPHAN (R)
7:00, 9:40
G-FORCE (PG)
12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:15
HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE (PG)
12:00, 3:30



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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 82%
YES 18%

"No. Business is still depressed and my friends who are between jobs are still looking to deploy their skills. And I'm still paying \$13,000 a year for crappy health insurance."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER
"I recently started a new job after many months of intermittent temporary employment. It will be quite some time before I complain about having to go into work."

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A COMMENTER AT RAWSTORY.COM/BLOG FINDS THE NEWS NETWORK'S NEW POLICY OF NOT INTERVIEWING TALK RADIO HOSTS BOGUS. CNN PRESIDENT JON KLEIN SAID WHAT THE PERSONALITIES OFFER IS "ALL TOO PREDICTABLE."



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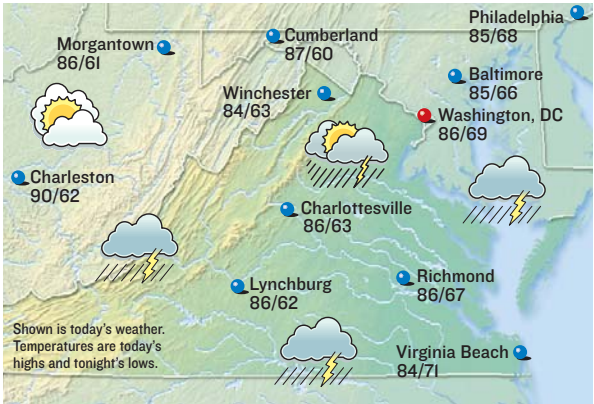
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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
A thunderstorm	Partly cloudy	A thunderstorm	Thunderstorms	Partly sunny, hot	Partly sunny
86°	69°	89° / 73°	90° / 73°	91° / 72°	89° / 73°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
High 86°
Low 73°
Normal high 87°
Normal low 69°
Average humidity 59%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.79"
Normal month to date 1.43"
Year to date 24.99"
Last year to date 32.68"
Normal year to date 24.25"

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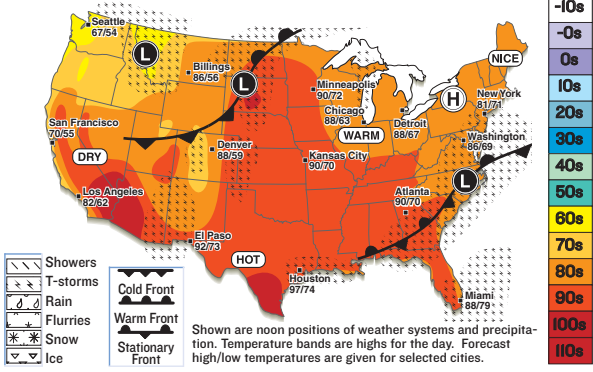
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, thunderstorm. High 86. Wind east 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, thunderstorm. Low 69. Wind southeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:04 p.m.
Moonrise today none
Moonset today 3:12 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, August 14

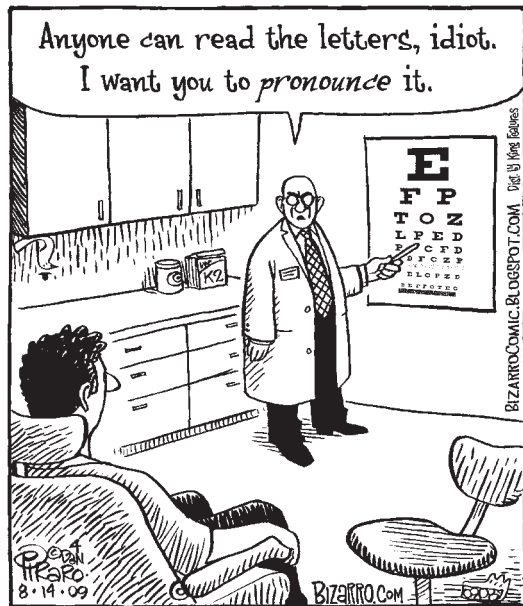


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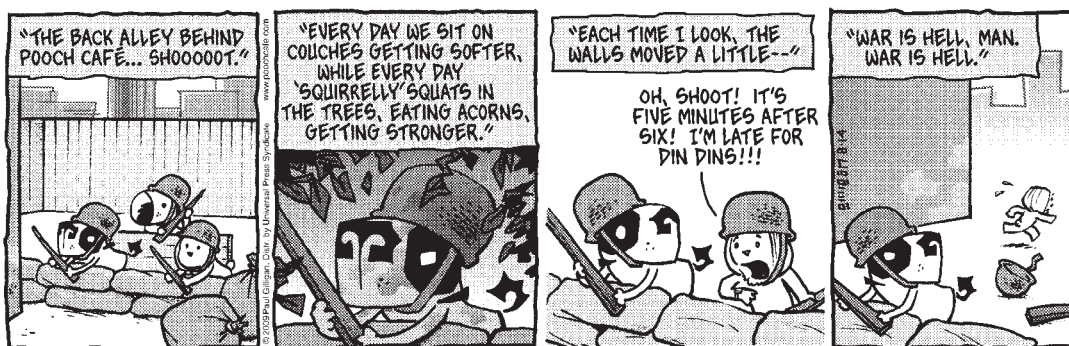
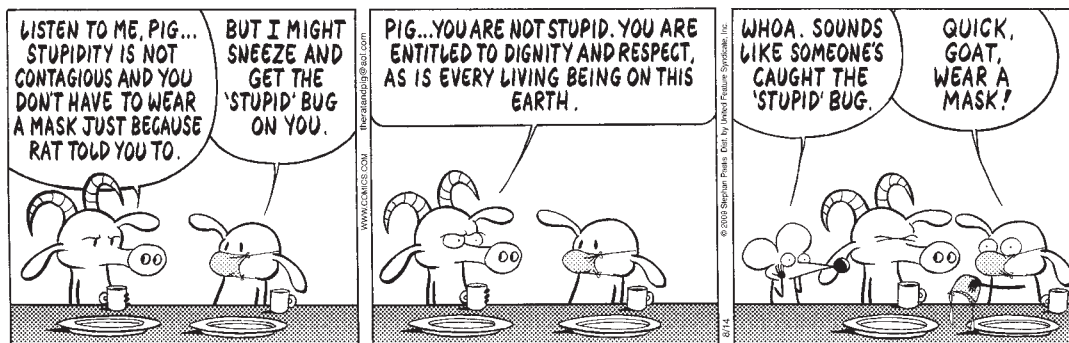
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Atlanta	90/70/t	86/71/t
Boston	80/67/s	87/70/s
Chicago	88/63/s	90/67/s
Dallas	98/75/pc	96/77/s
Denver	88/59/t	89/52/t
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/pc
Los Angeles	82/62/pc	78/62/pc
Miami	88/79/t	90/80/t
New York City	81/71/t	90/74/pc
Orlando	92/74/t	92/76/t
Seattle	67/54/pc	71/54/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	72/62/pc	73/62/s
Athens	91/73/s	90/73/s
Berlin	70/57/pc	78/64/pc
Buenos Aires	70/57/c	73/50/t
Calgary	60/44/c	55/43/pc
Dublin	66/54/r	66/54/sh
Geneva	79/57/s	85/58/s
Moscow	66/54/r	64/52/sh
Rome	86/68/s	87/67/s
Sydney	70/50/s	72/50/s
Tokyo	90/73/c	84/72/s

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"The prefrontal cortex is involved in higher mental functioning, like using a can opener or remembering to feed you."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A close talk with a friend or loved one can reveal a few things that have been hidden beneath the surface for too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a fine time for you to spread your wings and explore some previously untried opportunities. You have come a long way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be getting the sense that others are not in favor of your tactics, but the record shows that you know what you're doing — and why.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can combine business and pleasure in a way that doesn't break any of the rules and still maximizes your enjoyment on both fronts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Unpredictability may frustrate those around you, but it can certainly work wonders as you try to gain the advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You still have a few surprises up your sleeve and can put a smile on the face of a loved

one before this day is out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The tried-and-true is for you. Steer clear of those things that are so new that they are not only untried but also unfamiliar.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be ready and willing to examine all the possibilities laid out before you at this time in order to maximize your rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) To win what you are after will require hard work, and a long-term investment of money and energy. Planning, of course, is the first step.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be fooled by appearances early in the day, but later on you can use your experience to avoid any serious deceptions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's no need to hide your vulnerability, as danger is far removed at this time. Indeed, being honest and open more often is advised.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will have the opportunity to look back and see that what happened awhile ago makes perfect sense after all.

Today in History

1848 The Oregon Territory is created.

1908 A race riot erupts in Springfield, Ill., as a white mob begins setting black-owned homes and businesses on fire; at least two blacks and five whites are killed in the violence.

1945 President Harry S. Truman announces that Japan has surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

1973 The U.S. bombing of Cambodia comes to a halt effective at midnight.

2003 A huge blackout hits the northeastern part of the United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lose power.

2004 A visibly weak Pope John Paul II joins thousands of other ailing pilgrims at a cliffside shrine in Lourdes, France,



Cars and pedestrians jam the Brooklyn Bridge during the blackout in 2003.

telling them he shares in their physical suffering and assuring them the burden is part of God's "wondrous plan."

2008 President George W. Bush signs consumer-safety legislation that ban lead from children's toys, imposing the toughest standard in the world.

lookout people



If you get married and don't get press coverage, are you really married?

JULY 9??
They Call It a Secret;
We Call It Not Caring

ANNA FARIS has married actor Chris Pratt. A publicist for Faris confirms that the two were wed in Bali on July 9. The couple became engaged last year. The 32-year-old Faris recently starred in "The House Bunny." Her 30-year-old husband stars in NBC's "Parks and Recreation." (AP)

REPLACEMENTS
One Tiny Former Singer Is
Just as Good as Any Other



Though her appearance was billed as one-time only, VICTORIA BECKHAM was back on the "American Idol" judging panel Thursday in Boston, a Fox publicist said. Beckham was a guest judge last Friday for auditions in Denver. (AP)

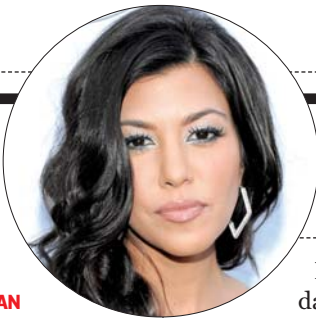


POLITICS
We, Too, Laugh

BRAD PITT is laughing off the idea he should run for mayor of New Orleans. Pitt told "Today" Thursday that he has seen the "Brad Pitt for Mayor" T-shirts that many New Orleans residents are sporting. But when asked whether he has considered running, Pitt said, "I don't have a chance." He doesn't: To be eligible, candidates must have been residents of New Orleans for at least five years before the date of the election. (AP)

ABUSE OF
ALPHABET
Maybe
She'll Have
A Kaesarean

KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN has a baby on the way. The 30-year-old reality TV star said in an appearance Thursday on NBC's "Today" show that she's due in December. Kardashian says the father is her on-again boyfriend Scott Disick, who appeared on the E! series "Keeping Up With the

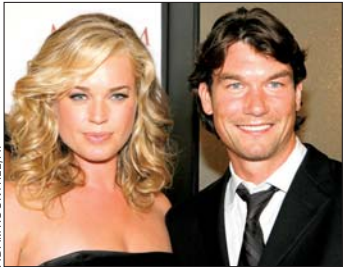


The use of "K" in the Kardashian family is just kriminal.

Kardashians." Kardashian says she and Disick are "really happy" being together again. They broke up last year on the show. Kardashian appears with her family on "Keeping Up." She and her sister Khloe co-star in the E! spin-off show "Kourtney and Khloe Take Miami." (AP)

INTUITION
Regis Sensed That He Might
Be Able to Make Kate Cry

KATE GOSSELIN says she and her estranged husband, Jon, definitely won't get back together. During an appearance on "Live With Regis and Kelly," Regis Philbin pressed her on what she'd do if her husband asked her to try again, but she declined to answer. Philbin said he had a sense the marriage could be saved. Replied Kate Gosselin: "I can't say that I think you're right at all." (AP)



The law and acting are very similar in that they both require oxygen.

CAREERS
Lone Actor Prepares
For Day His Kind Will
Be Replaced by CGI

JERRY O'CONNELL, husband of Rebecca Romijn, has enrolled at Los Angeles' Southwestern Law School. "He is very excited to be starting his law school education here at Southwestern," the school's assistant dean of public affairs told Usmagazine.com. "He just had orientation last week." (EXPRESS)

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